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Feature Application

Glogster EDU: <http://edu.glogster.com/>

Glogster EDU is a powerful tool for students to use to create online collages that they can share with their friends & classmates. If you're not familiar with **Glogster**, it can best be described as an online poster creation tool with music. Glogster EDU gives you the ability to create accounts for your classrooms. Using your accounts, you can assign & manage individual accounts for your students.

Glogster EDU is free. It is easy to upload text, documents, video clips, audio files, & images. You can also upload videos from **SchoolTube**, **TeacherTube**, or **YouTube**. If student publish any Glogs, they can be set as either private

(which is recommended) or public. It is important

to remember this website is high graphic, so students need to be patience when uploading images, & to save their work frequently.

Many teachers in our district have used this web application & have enjoyed the results. If you are interested in using this site with your students, please contact Mrs. Kuhr for tips & tricks, & for any questions or concerns you may have.



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Glogster can be used in any number of content areas. Students can create collages about famous figures, to create book reports, or character portrayals. As a teacher you can use it for a way to present information to your students or as an interactive learning center.



Character Scrapbook:

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/scrapbook>

Character Scrapbook is a reader's response activity to analyze the characters in any book. On one side of the scrapbook, students will create an image of the character, person or animal. They can also print a blank version to fill in on their own.

On the other side of the scrapbook, students can list important character traits. Selecting lists that best suit their character:

- Ten things I know about ____.
- Ten words that describe ____.
- Ten details about ____'s appearance.
- Ten challenges ____ faced.
- Ten accomplishments ____ achieved.

This activity will work with most fiction or



nonfiction book, & can be used individually or as a whole class. Help you students form a deeper understanding of a book's characters.

ActivInspire: Annotations & Eraser

There are 4 types of **Annotations** – **Pen**, **Highlighter**, **Magic Ink**, & **Pen Modifiers**. Annotations go on the top layer for the flipchart page. When using annotations, as long as you don't switch tools, all annotations will be automatically grouped.

When using the **Highlighter**, keep your hand on the pen to make sure that you don't overlap your lines.

To access the **Pen Modifiers**, you need to be on **Pen** & it is located in the **Tools Menu**. Pen Modifiers are outlines of shapes that are annotations, therefore they can erase.

You can easily change the color of your pen using your **Color Palette**. Control click on a

color square to customize the color by using either the **Color Wheel** or **Color Picker**. You can also change the width of your pens & eraser by using the slider or preset sizes.

To delete an annotation, you can drag an annotation to the **Trashcan**, use the **Clear Tool** (Spray bottle), or use the **Eraser**.

The **Eraser** only erases annotations. It does NOT work on anything else. The annotation doesn't have to be on the top layer to be erased. The eraser can break up one annotation into 2 separate pen marks.



iLife's GarageBand 08'

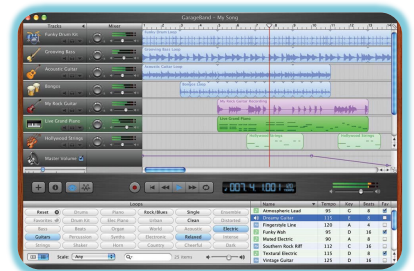
GarageBand is a multi-track recording

application that is loaded on all teacher & student computers, labs, & mobile carts. It contains a complete collection of audio tools, which easily allows you to write a song, record real audio pieces, play with software instruments, create parts using Apple loops, add sound effects, & mix your music.

Included are Apple loops that are professionally recorded short performances you

can use in your songs. Click a loop, listen, if you like it, drag it into your project. You can piece loops together to create complete songs.

To make it even simpler, Magic GarageBand allows you a fun way to quickly create songs in various styles that you can add your own parts to. Export the songs you make to your iTunes library so you can listen to them on your iPod, iPhone, iPad, or share them with everyone.



Library Hub!

<http://www2.plattsmouthschools.org/hslibrary>

Check out the high school library webpage. This is a resource for teachers as well as students. Construction of the site is on-going so please send feedback & suggestions at any time.

Resources available include,

- **NebraskaAccess**: A database of full text magazine & newspaper articles.
- **InfoTrac**: Reference eBooks covering a range of topics. These are shared by the middle & high school libraries.
- **WorldBook**: The classic reference encyclopedia online.
- **ProQuest**: Several online databases.

Username/passwords for:

- **NebraskaAccess** (for home access only, open at school): [REDACTED]
- **InfoTrac**: [REDACTED]
- **WorldBook**: [REDACTED]
- **Proquest @ school**: [REDACTED]
- **Proquest @ home**: [REDACTED]



online Egg Timer

WEBSITE 2
CHECK OUT

Online Egg Timer

my.online-eggtimer.com

Online Egg Timer is a simple website offering 3 countdown timers on one screen. You can set just one timer or run all three at the same time with different settings. Just go to the site, set the countdown timer(s) using the up & down arrows, then click "start timers." Timers can be used to keep a classroom moving from task to task on schedule.